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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 134 are set out in the report of the Committee contained in document A/66/637 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 35th to 38th meetings, on 22, 24 and 30 May and 12 June 2012. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.35-38).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: Office of the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States on the Syrian Crisis and Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan (A/66/354/Add.7)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/7/Add.24)

Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Support Mission in Libya and United Nations Political Office for Somalia (A/66/354/Add.8)

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Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/7/Add.25)

Special Court for Sierra Leone

Letter dated 2 May from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/66/16)

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011 (A/66/394/Add.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/7/Add.26)

II. Consideration of proposals on the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.54

4. At its 38th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.54, entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013", submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Belgium.

5. In the course of its deliberations on the special subjects, the Committee considered the questions outlined below.

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

6. The Committee considered this question at its 35th, 36th and 38th meetings, on 22 and 24 May and 12 June (see A/C.5/66/SR.35, 36 and 38).

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011

7. The Committee considered this question at its 37th and 38th meetings, on 30 May and 12 June (see A/C.5/66/SR.37 and 38).

Revised estimates under section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 and under the support account for peacekeeping operations (enterprise resource planning project (Umoja)) for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

8. The Committee considered this question at its 38th meeting, on 12 June (see A/C.5/66/SR.38).

B. Subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone

9. The Committee considered this question at its 36th and 37th meetings, on 24 and 30 May (see A/C.5/66/SR.35 and 37).

10. At the 36th meeting, on 24 May, the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of the Advisory Committee.

11. At the 37th meeting, on 30 May, the Chair of the Committee introduced an oral draft decision entitled "Subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone" (see A/C.5/66/SR.37).

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 15).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

13. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

The General Assembly,

I
Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling section IX of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011 and its resolution 66/248 A, also of 24 December 2011,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council on the Office of the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States on the Syrian Crisis, the Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan, the United Nations Support Mission in Libya and the United Nations Political Office for Somalia,[1] as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that all special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

4. *Recalls* the provisions included in section XIII, paragraph 7, of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, and section B of its decision 66/556 of 24 December 2011;

5. *Acknowledges* the significant degree of complementarity that exists among the mandates of the Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur and the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei;

6. *Takes note* of paragraphs 13, 15 to 19, 22, 27, 39 and 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[3]

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[1] A/66/354/Add.7 and 8.
[2] A/66/7/Add.24 and 25.
[3] A/66/7/Add.25.

7. *Decides* to approve the additional requirements for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia for 2012 in the amount of 2,996,200 United States dollars;

8. *Acknowledges* paragraph 32 of the report of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Political Office for Somalia,[3] and urges the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to secure voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund in Support of United Nations Peacebuilding Activities in Somalia;

9. *Approves* the total amount of 47,806,500 dollars for the budgets of the four special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, included in the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

10. *Also approves* a charge totalling 47,806,500 dollars net against the provision appropriated for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013;

II
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the addendum to the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011,[4] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

1. *Recalls* its resolution 66/235 of 24 December 2011, section X of its resolution 66/247 and its resolution 66/___ of __ June 2012;

2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;[4]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[5]

III
Revised estimates under section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 and under the support account for peacekeeping operations (enterprise resource planning project (Umoja)) for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

1. *Recalls* the third progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project;[6]

2. *Also recalls* paragraphs 78 to 93 and 101 to 107 of its resolution 66/246 of 24 December 2011, and requests the Secretary-General to fully implement those provisions as a matter of priority;

3. *Reaffirms* section II, paragraph 4, of its resolution 65/259, in which it urged the Secretary-General to make every effort to fill the vacancies in the enterprise resource planning project team as a matter of priority and to explore all

[4] A/66/394/Add.1.
[5] A/66/7/Add.26.
[6] A/66/381.

possibilities for expediting the process, so as to minimize any adverse impact on project implementation;

4. *Decides* that the position of Umoja Project Director shall be at the level of Assistant Secretary-General, with effect from 1 July 2012;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to meet the related resource requirements from within the projected cost of the enterprise resource planning project.

14. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following oral draft decision:

Subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone

The General Assembly, recalling section IX, paragraph 12, of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011, and having considered the letter dated 2 May 2012 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee[1] and the oral report of the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[2]

(a) Takes note of the letter dated 2 May 2012 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee,[1] and endorses the recommendation contained in the oral report of the Chair of the Advisory Committee;[2]

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone in the context of the performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

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[1] A/C.5/66/16.

[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee*, 36th meeting (A/C.5/66/SR.36).